

Weekly Column for June 14, 2007

The time is finally here. After months of planning, hours and hours of hard work, and lots of stress over the weather, the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual River Street festival is just hours away.

And it looks as if the weather just may hold out, which would be wonderful. Everyone cross your fingers that we can dodge that late afternoon thunderstorm.

Let's get to it. The details. Tons of music, starting with the South Stage where the Troy High Jazz Band will kick things off at 11:30 a.m., followed by Incendio, a terrific guitar band out of California, local sensations Stuck on Stupid will follow. That stage will be capped by the Mike Grutka Project, who is back for his second tour of duty with our festival.

On the main stage, the fun begins at noon with Last November, followed by Mink, Stars of Track and Field, Blotto, and then the headliners, Grammy award winners They Might Be Giants.

And that's only the music. We will have more than 75 arts, crafts, antiques, and food vendors in the four-block area of the festival. This year, we expanded the festival down First Street, where Radio Disney will be stationed. They will have an X-Games demonstration, and you can register to win a trip to the 2007 X-Games. Very exciting happenings.

In addition to all that, the Tri-City Valley Cats will be on hand, as will the very popular magician Jeffrey Jene.

The fun starts at 10 a.m. and runs until about 7 p.m., or whenever we decide to wind down. It is going to be a day to remember, and I cannot wait for to see you all.

Have a wonderful weekend, and Happy Father's Day!

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